

Assignment #4- text set  
Annotated Bibliography

**Topic:** Columbus Day

**Description of the Unit:**

**Grade Level:** 1<sup>st</sup>+ (can be adapted for older grades)

**Objectives:**

- To examine the holiday, Columbus Day, from a variety of perspectives. A focus on the perspective of indigenous peoples will be emphasized.
- To critically view the celebration of holidays (could be extended to other holidays throughout the year)

**Texts**

Krensky, S. (1991). *Christopher Columbus*. Random House: New York.

This book is a controlled-vocabulary text. I chose this book because it provides students a opportunity to read a text about Christopher Columbus. It also provides a stereotypical viewpoint of Columbus. It is the story that most people are familiar with regarding his “discovery of the Americas.”

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Yolen, J. (1992). *Encounter*. Harcourt Brace: San Diego.

This book is written from the perspective of the Taino people. These were the indigenous people that met Columbus as he landed. This book provides a window into their culture, as well as perspective. What might have the Taino people been thinking? Feeling? Etc. Interesting in this text is that it provides information on the number of Taino people that were and how many were killed, as well as the fact that there are no full-blooded Taino people today. The story is interesting and will prompt discussion, as well as the pictures. Students could be asked to write a story of their own using just the pictures before a read-aloud. This could be a shared writing.

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Maestro, B. & Maestro, G. (1991). *The Discovery of the Americas*. Lothrop, Lee, & Shepard Books: New York.

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Reconsider Columbus Day. Org. (2010). *Reconsider Columbus Day*. Retrieved June 21, 2010 from: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=il5hwpdJMcg&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=il5hwpdJMcg&feature=player_embedded)

This YouTube video is a commercial for an Indigenous People holiday. I chose this video as it provides an alternative perspective to the hegemonic constructs of how Columbus Day is taught and viewed currently and historically in America culture and schools. When I looked up who owns this site (rethinkcolumbusday.org) it is owned by Nu Heightz Cinema. This is interesting since they did do this PSA, however I can find no other videos or information from them. The e-mail associated with this group is not linked to an organization, but rather is a gmail account.

Therefore, this could be more personal opinion than anything else. However, I do think it provides opportunity for rich discussion.

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Rethinking Schools. (2010). *Rethinking Columbus*. Retrieved June 21, 2010 from

<http://www.rethinkingschools.org/ProdDetails.asp?ID=094296120X>

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Rethinking Schools was developed by a group of teachers from the Milwaukee area. Their goal is to get back to teaching that matters. Meaning, that they believe that we are missing opportunities to engage students with meaningful material and social issues. Etc.. **You can write more here.**

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Newsy. (2010). *Columbus Day changes over time*. Retrieved June 21, 2010 from

[http://www.newsy.com/videos/columbus\\_day\\_changes\\_over\\_time](http://www.newsy.com/videos/columbus_day_changes_over_time)

I chose this website because it combines multiple perspectives about the celebration of the Columbus holiday. It allows students to see multiple “sides” of the issue via one space. This is a great prompt for discussion and writing. This could become a persuasive writing piece. Which could be as simple as, “which side gave the strongest argument? Why?” to more complex writing for older students. Students could do their own video about what they have learned about perspective at the end of the unit.

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WordPress. (2010). *RiverDay*. Retrieved June 21, 2010 from

[http://t2.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:mEUSrfvUg\\_zwM:http://riverdaughter.files.wordpress.com/2009/10/columbus.jpg](http://t2.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:mEUSrfvUg_zwM:http://riverdaughter.files.wordpress.com/2009/10/columbus.jpg)

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Holiday Graphics. (2010). *Columbus*. Retrieved June 21, 2010 from

[http://t1.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:F9rV0tFxoZqz4M:http://www.lanl.gov/news/albums/Holiday-graphics/Columbus\\_Day\\_logo.jpg](http://t1.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:F9rV0tFxoZqz4M:http://www.lanl.gov/news/albums/Holiday-graphics/Columbus_Day_logo.jpg)

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BlogSpot. (2010). *Homeland security*. Retrieved June 21, 2010 from

<http://tinyurl.com/2a7x4zb>

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